

**REMARKS**

After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-9 will be all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended. Claims 10-19 have been canceled without prejudice.

No new matter has been added.

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

**I. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-9 would be allowable once the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 have been overcome.

**II. Objection to the Specification**

On page 2 of the Office Action, the disclosure is objected to because the Preliminary Amendment to the specification states that “[t]his is an application filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a).”

In response, the specification has been amended to recite “[t]his application is a 371 of PCT/JP04/16690 filed November 4, 2004....”

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

**III. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112**

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

In response, claim 1 has been amended to delete the phrase “to reduce the content of said compound contained as an impurity in the crude 1,1-difluoroethane.” Further, claim 9 has been amended to replace the term “mainly” with the phrase “a product containing.”

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,


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